

PENDING CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) In a system of operating a wireless handset capable of clear calls and secure calls, a method comprising:

pressing a key for a predetermined amount of time;

determining whether the handset is in a traditional mode, in an autosecure mode, or in a secure-only mode;

if the handset is currently in ~~either the traditional secure-only or the autosecure~~ mode, originating a secure call if the key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time, and originating a clear call if the key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time; ~~and~~

if the handset is currently in the autosecure ~~traditional~~ mode, originating a secure ~~clear~~ call if the key is held for a time period less ~~greater~~ than the predetermined amount of time, sending a confirmation request to originate a clear ~~and originating a secure~~ call if the key is held for a time period greater ~~less~~ than the predetermined amount of time, and originating a clear call if the confirmation request is confirmed; and

if the handset is currently in the secure mode, originating a secure call.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising:  
entering a personal identification number (PIN) to register as a secure user to allow a secure call.
3. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the predetermined amount of time is about two seconds.
4. (Previously Presented) The method as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the key is a send/talk key.

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5. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 2, wherein the step of entering a PIN number is entered each time the handset is activated.

6. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 2, further comprising disabling the handset if the PIN number is incorrectly entered more than a predetermined number of times.

7. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 6, wherein the predetermined number of times is 7.

8. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 6, wherein the predetermined number of times is 3.

9-11 (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A wireless apparatus configurable to make clear calls and secure calls, the apparatus comprising:

a user-interface key capable of being depressed; and

a circuit configured to measure the amount of time the user interface key is depressed, wherein the apparatus is configured to determine whether the wireless apparatus is in a traditional mode, in an autosecure mode, or in a secure-only mode, and wherein:

if the handset is in ~~either the traditional secure-only or the autosecure~~ mode, the wireless apparatus is configured to originate a secure call if the user-interface key is depressed for greater than a predetermined amount of time, and to originate a clear call if the user-interface key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time, and

if the handset is in the autosecure ~~traditional~~ mode, the apparatus is configured to originate a secure ~~clear~~ call if the user-interface key is depressed for less ~~greater~~ than a predetermined amount of time, and send a confirmation request to originate a clear secure call if the user-interface key is depressed for greater less than a predetermined amount of time, and  
originate a clear call if the confirmation request is confirmed; and

if the handset is in the secure only mode, originating a secure call.

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13. (Canceled)
14. (Previously Presented) The wireless handset as set forth in Claim 27, further comprising:  
means for entering a personal identification number (PIN) to register as a secure user to allow a secure call.
15. (Previously Presented) The wireless handset as set forth in Claim 27, wherein the predetermined amount of time is about two seconds.
16. (Previously Presented) The wireless handset as set forth in Claim 27, wherein the key is the send/talk key.
17. (Currently Amended) The wireless handset as set forth in Claim 14 [16], wherein the PIN number is entered each time the handset is activated.
18. (Currently Amended) The wireless handset as set forth in Claim 14 [16], further comprising means for disabling the handset if the PIN number is incorrectly entered more than a predetermined number of times.
- 19-26 (Cancelled)
27. (Currently Amended) A wireless handset capable of clear calls and secure calls, comprising:  
means for pressing a key for a predetermined amount of time;  
means for determining whether the handset is in a traditional mode, in an autosecure mode, or in a secure-only mode;  
means for originating, if the handset is currently in ~~either the traditional secure-only or the autosecure~~ mode, a secure call if the key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined

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amount of time and a clear call if the key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time, ~~and~~

means for originating, if the handset is currently in the autosecure ~~traditional~~ mode, a ~~secure~~ ~~clear~~ call if the key is held for a time period ~~less~~ ~~greater~~ than the predetermined amount of time, sending a confirmation request to originate a clear and a secure call if the key is held for a time period greater less than the predetermined amount of time, and originating a clear call if the confirmation request is confirmed; and

mean for originating a secure call if the handset is currently in the secure mode.

28. (New) The wireless apparatus as set forth in Claim 12, wherein the predetermined amount of time is about two seconds.

29. (New) The wireless handset as set forth in Claim 12, wherein the user interface key is the send/talk key.

30. (New) A processor program product, comprising:  
processor-readable medium, comprising:

instruction for causing a processor to determine if a key of a handset has been pressed for a predetermined amount of time, wherein the handset is capable of clear calls and secure calls;

instruction for causing a processor to determine whether the handset is in a traditional mode, in an autosecure mode, or in a secure-only mode;

instruction for causing a processor to originate, if the handset is currently in the traditional mode, a secure call if the key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time and a clear call if the key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time,

instruction for causing a processor to originate, if the handset is currently in the autosecure mode, a secure call if the key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time, sending a confirmation request to originate a clear call if the key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time, and originating a clear call if the confirmation request is confirmed; and

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instruction for causing a processor to originate a secure call if the handset is currently in the secure mode.

31. (New) The processor program product as set forth in Claim 30 wherein the predetermined amount of time is about two seconds.

32. (New) The processor program product as set forth in Claim 30, wherein the key is the send/talk key.